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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Communication dated May 5, 2004, and is accompanied by a petition for two month extension of time to extend the period of response up to and including October 5, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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